

long, proud history of providing fire-suppression and emergency medical services to the fine citizens of the City of Fairfax, Virginia.

Early records indicate that there was a volunteer fire brigade in the Town of Fairfax around the turn of the century. A group of visionary citizens decided that a firefighting system needed to be set up to protect their town from the ravages of fire. Their manual firefighting efforts were fortified by their purchase of a horse or man pulled chemical wagon to increase their firefighting efforts. This chemical wagon would allow them to fight fires with "some" water pressure.

On April 7, 1928, the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department was legally chartered. At this time, the department became the proud owner of their first motorized fire truck, a 1927 Childs. A garage was also built to house this fine piece of fire equipment. They were now able to respond in a more efficient manner to emergencies when asked by the townspeople.

In the 1960's the Town of Fairfax became the City of Fairfax. Fairfax's population had increased along with their need for more fire protection and firefighters. Career firefighters were hired to join volunteers in answering the call for help, and the City of Fairfax built their first fire station to house their fire apparatuses and equipment.

Today, the City of Fairfax has grown to a population of 19,622 and is 15.9 square kilometers in size. The Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department responded to an astounding 8,000 fire and emergency medical calls last year. That's an average of 22 calls a day, which equals to almost one call per hour.

The Fairfax Volunteer's strong fleet of fire and rescue apparatuses are housed in two fire stations, 3 and 33. Fire Station 3 houses the duty Battalion Chief, a pumper, a ladder truck, and an advanced life support medical unit. Fire Station 33 houses a rescue engine and an advanced life support medical unit.

Taking an active role in one's community is a responsibility we all share, but which few of us fulfill. Yet, the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department firefighters take great pride in providing round the clock emergency services to its neighbors. I know the visionary citizens who started this organization seventy years ago would be proud to see that what started with just a bucket has grown into one of the most respected volunteer fire departments in my district, the Eleventh Congressional District of Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department's distinguished volunteer and career firefighters who place their own lives on the line for their fellow citizens everyday. They are truly deserving of the title "hero".

SPECIAL TRIBUTE HONORING AMY FELDCAMP, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence he has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Amy Feldcamp, winner of the

1998 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Amy is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Amy Feldcamp is an exceptional student at Saline High School and possesses an impressive high school record. She has been involved with the National Honor Society. Amy is also involved with the high school marching band, S.A.D.D., 4-H, and FHA. Outside of school, Amy has been involved as a Sunday school teacher, providing music in her church, and teaching violin lessons.

In special tribute, Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Amy Feldcamp for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

1998 LEADERSHIP AND ACADEMIC ALL-STAR

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, within Larimer County, Colorado, my home county, reside some of the best and brightest young people in the state. Twelve of them were appropriately honored by the Fort Collins Coloradoan newspaper as 1998 Leadership and Academic All-Stars, and I would like to honor them here today.

Out of 67 teenagers nominated for the awards by teachers, parents and neighbors, these 12 stood out as particularly deserving of recognition: Loring Pfeiffer, Ryan Johnson, Robert "Bobby" Mosiman and Bret Peterson from Rocky Mountain High School; Elizabeth Leon and Steve Foster from Thompson Valley High School; Caitlin Devereaux, Yue Xu and Tiffany Yaussi from Poudre High School; Daniel Salas from Fort Collins High School; Samuel Severance from Loveland High School; and Scott Wilkinson from Windsor High School.

Besides academic achievement, the criteria for Academic All-Star status includes excellence in leadership and community involvement. These future leaders of our community, state, and country are truly our greatest hope for a stronger nation. Please join me today in paying them tribute.

RECOGNIZING NORTEL (NORTHERN TELECOM)

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate a good corporate citizen of mine,

Nortel (Northern Telecom) for the critical role they are playing in advancing the Internet for the betterment of all mankind.

Recently Donald J. Schuenke, Chairman of the Board of Nortel, was among a stellar list of guests at a White House unveiling of the largest and fastest research and education network in the world. The network, Abilene, is being developed by the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development (UCAID) with the expertise of Nortel, Qwest Communications, and Cisco Systems. Abilene will provide an advanced backbone network for universities participating in UCAID's Internet2 project. The unveiling was conducted by Vice President AL GORE who said the project "... represents the kind of collaboration among government, industry and academia that leverages the expertise and resources of each entity, to enable technological advancements and innovation. This project will provide the technological leadership our nation needs as we prepare to enter the 21st century."

Also attending the unveiling were Joseph P. Nacchio, president and CEO of Qwest, Dr. Douglas E. Van Houweling, UCAID's president and CEO, and John Morgridge, Chairman of the Board of Cisco.

Abilene will allow networking capabilities which will enable researchers and educators to develop advanced applications for higher education. Nortel and Cisco Systems will provide networking equipment that will enable the Abilene network's leading edge capabilities. Qwest will provide access to its state-of-the-art nationwide fiber optic network.

"Nortel is proud to be part of this important effort and to provide the most advanced equipment in the world to help Abilene develop cutting-edge applications that will make a real difference in the lives of constituents," said Schuenke. "This effort will allow researchers the security, capacity and reliability they will need to take technological innovation to a new plateau."

It is expected that initial operation of Abilene will begin before the end of 1998, with full deployment completed within one year. The Abilene project will provide unparalleled networking capabilities to the member universities of UCAID. It will provide advanced networking capabilities such as quality of service and multicasting and will interconnect with existing advanced research and education networks such as the very high performance Backbone Network Service (vBNS).

Nortel has been a leader in promoting the Internet in education. They have given generously to schools both here in the District of Columbia and around the country by providing computers, access to the Internet, teacher training and maintenance. They are also great believers in private-public partnerships. Greg Farmer who heads up Nortel's Washington, D.C. office is a leader in this area. Most recently he formed Partners in Technology, a public-private partnership aimed at ensuring all D.C. students have access to the Internet and teachers are trained to bring them into the 21st Century.

Nortel works with customers in more than 150 countries to design, build and integrate their communications products and advanced digital networks. Nortel has about 27,000 employees in the U.S., more than in any other country. In Nashville, they have about 1,200 employees who work at the company's headquarters or at Nortel's telephone remanufacturing facility. They also have major facilities in